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D.C. Spends $800,000 as KKKops Protect Klan

Lisa Berg for The New York Times

Klan Stages March and Rally in Washington

Ku Klux Klan members marching yesterday in Washington. More than 4,000 police officers were on hand to keep Klan members, who numbered about 30, separated from counterdemonstrators as they marched 11 blocks along Constitution Avenue from the Washington Monument to the Capitol.

The police arrested 43 demonstrators for disorderly conduct and other infractions.

Seven police officers and six protesters were injured, one of the officers seriously.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, some 30 members of the Ku Klux Klan held a march in Washington D.C., our nation's poverty-ridden capital which is over 90% black. Perhaps the remaining 10% are all cops, because D.C. sent out 4000 local and federal police to protect the fascists. Helicopters flew overhead, dog teams were readied, and the entire area surrounding Constitution Avenue was sealed off. All this to protect 30 bigots!

Naturally, a counter-demonstration took place, although the police did their best to bloody up as many protesting blacks as possible in order to keep the Klan bastards safe. Anarchists and members of the Revolutionary Communist Party (hey, for once they weren't just selling their paper!) responded to the police bigotry by ripping up paving stones and hurling them at the KKKops.

IN ALL, D.C. SPENT CLOSE TO A MILLION DOLLARS SO THAT 30 FASCISTS COULD PRAISE DAVID DUKE AND JESSE HELMS WHILE DENOUNCING "NIGGERS" AND CIVIL RIGHTS AT A RALLY ON CAPITOL HILL!!

What should have happened? The Klan should naturally be allowed to march, but they should have expected to have their little pink-headed racist bodies pounded into the earth. That a city which is 90% black and has one of the highest levels of urban poverty and homelessness in the nation should spend $800,000 to shield 30 fascists from the wrath of the people's justice is sickening!!

How many homeless folks could have been fed and clothed with that $800,000? Think about it.

oes of the Ku Klux Klan taunt police in Washington yesterday during the Klan's parade in the capital.

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PROPERTY IS THEFT!

Police used bulldozers, tear gas and clubs to evict squatters

BERLIN, Nov. 14 — A tenement neighborhood in the eastern part of the city was shaken by violence today when about 1,500 heavily armed police officers with tear gas and water cannons were sent to clear houses being held by squatters.

For nearly six hours beginning early today, a block-long stretch of Mainzer Strasse in the largely working class Friedrichshain district resembled a battlefield. Gangs of squatters on rooftops, some masked, bombarded police officers with cobblestones and gasoline bombs, and the police fired tear gas and water cannons.

The squatters, mostly from western Berlin and western Germany, had a first round of fighting with the police late Monday night, then constructed a veritable fortress throughout the area, digging deep ditches with a stolen excavator, stringing barbed wire and storing stones, gasoline bombs and railroad flares as weapons.

This evening, thousands of squatters and their supporters marched through Berlin to protest the action, in which the authorities said at least 85 people, including 70 policemen, were injured and 350 people were taken into custody.

The recent eviction of militant squats in what was formerly East-Berlin was to be expected. It is the natural result of the reunification of (capitalist) Germany, a portent of the coming of the United Europe '92, Inc., and is indicative of the 'progress' of Capitalism into what is known as the 'post-Fordist' stage.

As production-line (and, therefore, unionized) labor is edged out and replaced by high-tech industries, cultural, as well as economic, changes occur. One phenomenon of this process which is visible in all metropoles is the process of YUPPIFICATION. Greedy speculators seek to gentrify older neighborhoods so as to attract wealthy yuppie-professionals. It just so happens that these neighborhoods where gentrification is occuring are home to elderly folks, minorities, and....squatters.

Squatting is a DIRECT ACTION means of attacking homelessness. It is also a means of creating alternative living/working spaces. Squatting is a direct attack on the capitalist system. When squatted neighborhoods, such as those in Berlin and Hamburg, are allowed to 'fester', militant resistance movements form. The lack of any significant squatting movement in the US partially explains the concurrent lack of any mass-miltant anarchist movement here.

[For more information on the recent crackdown on squatting in Europe, see the spring and summer numbers of Love and Rage.]

Squatting, by pointing out that the government is more interested in speculating for profit than housing the poor, is a direct threat to the capitalist Establishment. Therefore, it is important that North American anarchists work, as far as pssible, to strengthen the squatters' movement here, both as a means of alleviating homelessness, as well as a means of living and organizing in alternative free-spaces.

END GENTRIFICATION!!! LYNCH ALL LANDLORDS!!!

Berlin squatters battle riot police

BERLIN (AP) — Anarchists in black hoods yesterday flung rocks and fired flare guns at hundreds of riot police in a wild battle for control of a rundown Berlin street.

Club-wielding police protected by helmets and shields used armored cars with water cannons against the hundreds of leftist squatters living in a long row of abandoned tenements.

At least 12 people were arrested in the mid-afternoon clash, but no injury figures were available, said Berlin police spokesman Werner Thronicker.

The violence began when police evicted leftist radicals from three houses they had been occupying in other parts of eastern Berlin.

To the barricades

Radicals massed and set up barricades on Mainzer Street, a bleak block in the former East Berlin where Western radicals have gradually taken over a strip of 12 abandoned buildings in recent months.

The leftists built barricades on the street from junked cars and trash containers, and they began attacking when police moved in.

A fierce battle with the police is a challenge to the city government.

Radicals, police clash over housing

Agence France-Presse

OUSTER: Police evict Mainzer Street squatters — hundreds of whom have taken over abandoned row houses.

BERLIN — Riot police used water cannons, bulldozers and tear gas Wednesday to drive hundreds of demonstrators from eastern Berlin streets for the third time this week.

Protesters threw paving stones and firebombs at police trying to oust self-described political anarchists from tenements in what was East Berlin. The violence — triggered by the coming end of rent subsidies in eastern Berlin — was described as the city's worst in years. At least 325 people were arrested; 70 officers and protesters were injured.

In what used to be West Berlin, young people with counterculture ways, some of them sympathetic to the urban terrorism that has plagued West Germany for almost two decades, had occupied numerous neighborhoods, mostly in the Kreuzberg district of the city. Since the opening of the Berlin wall about a year ago, some have settled in the east, and the police offensive this week is thought to have been intended to put a stop to their illegal squatting.

Most of the squatters are members of West Berlin's veteran anarchist scene.

The leftists have waged numerous battles with police over the years, including a huge riot in eastern Berlin on Oct. 3, the date the two German nations united.

Berlin Is Rocked by a Squatters War

NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE Animal Liberation Front Support Group is "An Animal Liberation Primer," a work described by its authors as "a tool to empower the average person to make a difference in this world." The pamphlet is an excellent production. It includes a discussion of the history and theory of the ALF. But most important, the pamphlet is a discussion of direct action tactics: how to stake out an action site, tips for breaking into buildings, how to react to police interrogation, et cetera.

The pamphlet, in short, provides an excellent synthesis of the ethical considerations of direct action and the means of effecting "economic sabotage." All animal rights activists are highly encouraged to get a copy of "An Animal Liberation Primer." Indeed, the topics discussed in the work are relevant to all persons active in the revolutionary anarchist milieu. To combat repression and oppression—of both animals and humans—we often need to go beyond mere protest and carry out direct actions. "An Animal Liberation Primer" costs $1.50 ($2.00 for overseas). It can be obtained from:

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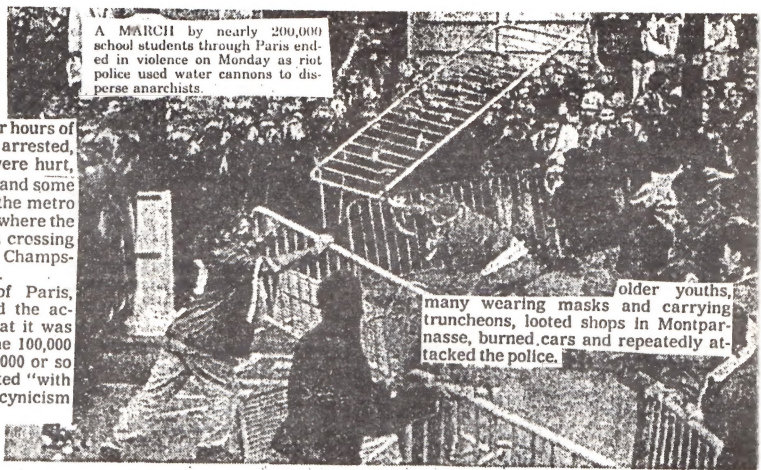
Riots



A MARCH by nearly 200,000 school students through Paris ended in violence on Monday as riot police used water cannons to disperse anarchists.

older youths, many wearing masks and carrying truncheons, looted shops in Montparnasse, burned cars and repeatedly attacked the police.

Associated Press

As a result of more than four hours of disturbances, 83 youths were arrested, close to 200 police officers were hurt, around 100 cars were burned and some 120 stores were looted. Even the metro station at the Pont de l'Alma, where the police prevented rioters from crossing the River Seine toward the Champs-Elysées, was damaged by fire.

Today the police chief of Paris, Pierre Verbrugghe, defended the action of the police, arguing that it was more important to protect the 100,000 students than to attack the 1,000 or so vandals who, he admitted, acted "with a speed, violence and tranquil cynicism that surprised us."

protest

Student Protest in France Turns Violent

French youths wrecked stores and stoned riot police officers yesterday as more than 100,000 high school students joined marches demanding more teachers, better buildings and improved security.

Authorities said most of the marchers in more than a dozen cities were orderly, though at least 1[illegible] people were injured in Paris.

Above, demonstrators hurled a steel baricade at police officers near the National Assembly building in Paris during debate on the education budget.

PARIS, Nov. 12 — Bending to pressure from a student protest movement that put more than 100,000 demonstrators onto the streets of Paris today, the French Government announced an "emergency plan" to improve conditions in the country's 4,700 senior high schools.

About 150,000 students marched peacefully in dozens of other French towns and cities, but the demonstration in Paris ended in confusion after gangs of troublemakers began looting stores, attacking journalists and clashing with the police in Montparnasse and other Left Bank neighborhoods.

Later, the police used tear gas and water cannons to prevent groups of youths, some wearing masks and hurling stones, from crossing the River Seine. At least 50 people, including 12 policemen, were wounded, and 10 cars were set on fire along the Quai d'Orsay near the Foreign Ministry.

The huge turnout of students here and elsewhere in France nonetheless underlined the strength of a movement that in barely three weeks has posed the Government of President François Mitterrand and Prime Minister Michel Rocard with its most serious social challenge in two years.

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